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Council District 6

Melissa Cabello Havrda



Dear Neighbors,

[This Week at City Council: Texas Municipal League Conference](#)

This week, the City of San Antonio hosted the Texas Municipal League Conference at the Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center. This annual conference brings together more than 3,000 city leaders from across Texas to learn about and discuss issues affecting communities across the state.

While City Council was not in session this week, our team took the opportunity to learn how to become more effective advocates for our district. Throughout the week, my staff and I attended multiple sessions on issues like protecting and growing our green spaces, supporting public libraries, and understanding the best practices for street maintenance programs. We're excited to bring our new knowledge back to the District 6 community.

[District 6 Events on the Horizon](#)

Summer is finally coming to an end and with cooler weather in sight, the District 6 Team is looking forward to hosting several community events over the next couple of months. Please save the dates for the events listed below:

Movie in the Park: Coco at Cuellar Park

Friday, October 25th from 5:30 to 9:00 pm

Cuellar Park, 5626 San Fernando St.

San Antonio, Texas 78237

District 6 Clean Up: Grissom Road Greenbelt

Saturday, November 2nd from 8:30 to 11:00 am

Great Northwest / Misty Oaks Neighborhoods

San Antonio, Texas 78250

District 6 Infrastructure Town Hall

Wednesday, November 6th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Alicia Trevino Lopez Senior Center, 8353 Culebra Road

San Antonio, Texas 78251

District 6 Veterans Day Celebration

Friday, November 8th from 9:00 to 11:00 am

Alicia Trevino Lopez Senior Center, 8353 Culebra Road

San Antonio, Texas 78251

As these dates approach, our office will provide more details on each event through the District 6 [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) Pages and through our weekly e-newsletter. If you have any questions about these programs, please feel free to contact the District 6 Office by emailing district6@sanantonio.gov, calling (210) 207-3749, or visiting us at 8373 Culebra Road, Suite 202.

Yours in service,



Melissa Cabello Havrda
Councilwoman, District 6

FROM THE

DISTRICT 6 OFFICE

The Week in Photos



Councilwoman Cabello Havrda and District 6 Staff joined the San Antonio Oak Crest Association for their National Night Out celebration on Friday, October 4th.

Check out more photos from the event [here!](#)



Councilwoman Cabello Havrda and District 6 Staff toured the Salvation Army Command Headquarters with Salvation Army staff member and District 6 resident Brad Mayhar on Tuesday, October 8th.

For 130 years, The Salvation Army has served the San Antonio community through eliminating food insecurity and offering shelter for men, women, and families requiring emergency housing resulting from difficult life circumstances or natural disasters.

Learn more about the Salvation Army San Antonio [here](#).



Councilwoman Cabello Havrda and District 6 Staff attended the Texas Municipal League Conference held at the Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center on Wednesday, October 9th.

The annual TML Conference brings together leaders from Texas cities big and small to learn from experts and discuss with each other about major issues that cities face today.



Councilwoman Cabello Havrda and District 6 Staff joined the Tara Neighborhood Association for their monthly meeting at Christian Evers Elementary School on Wednesday, October 9th.

District 6 Staff provided updates on the replacing of faded neighborhood street signs, upcoming District 6 events, and homeless prevention programs.



Councilwoman Cabello Havrda and District 6 Staff attended the Elder Abuse and Exploitation Task Force on behalf of the City Council Public Safety Committee on Thursday, October 10th.

The Elder Abuse and Exploitation Task Force is comprised of city, county and local community leaders in partnership with Adult Protective Services to strengthen laws and policies to better protect our seniors.

Learn more about Adult Protective Services [here](#).

October 2019 Project Update: West Military Drive and Ingram Road Connectors

SEPTEMBER 2019 ACTIVITIES

Traffic signage within the project limits placed.

At Potranco Rd. & W. Military Dr. the contractor has begun Right-of-Way clearing for utility work, including sewer, water and electrical services.

Curb and asphalt construction on Ingram road extension.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR THE NEXT 3 + WEEKS

Water and sewer main installation.
Asphalt road and curb installation on Ingram road extension.
Sidewalk forms set and poured on Ingram road extension.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

Construction start: August 2019
Estimated construction ends: August 2020
All work is weather permitting.
Thank you for your patience as we improve your community!

PROJECT SCOPE

W. Military Drive & Ingram Road Connectors:

Construct road extensions of W. Military (dead end to Potranco) and Ingram connector. Includes curbs, sidewalks, bike lanes, intersection, traffic signal, pedestrian lighting, landscaping and drainage improvements as appropriate and within available funding. Joint underground utility participation: CPS Energy, SAWS water and sewer.

Ingram Road Extension:

Construct road extension from Potranco to Ingram dead end. Includes curbs, sidewalks, bike lanes, traffic signal, pedestrian lighting, landscaping and drainage improvements as appropriate and within available funding. Joint underground utility participation: CPS Energy, SAWS water and sewer.

Council Committee Meetings

The District 6 Office has heard from many residents about the need to bring greater transparency to local government. While Council A and B Sessions have historically been broadcast on public access television and online at TVSA, the City of San Antonio has started broadcasting Council Committee Meetings and some Boards and Commissions Meetings.

Back in July, Mayor Nirenberg appointed Councilwoman Cabello Havrda to seven Council Committees including the Public Safety, Transportation and Mobility, Inter-Governmental Relations, Economic and Workforce Development, Innovation and Technology, Investments, and Municipal Court Committees. Below you'll find the calendar of Councilwoman Cabello Havrda's committee meetings for the next month. We hope you'll tune in!

Public Safety Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, October 15th

Time: 2:00 pm

Location: City Council Chambers

Transportation and Mobility Committee Meeting

Date: Monday, October 21st

Time: 2:00 pm

Location: City Council Chambers

Innovation and Technology Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, October 29th

Time: 2:00 pm

Location: City Council Chambers

Economic and Workforce Development Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, November 5th

Time: 2:00 pm

Location: City Council Chambers

Inter Governmental Relations Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday, November 13th

Time: 10:00 am

Location: City Council Chambers

You can access each committee meeting agenda [here](#).

**Looking for An Opportunity to Serve
Your Community?**

The District 6 Office is currently seeking applicants to fill Boards and Commissions vacancies. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

Neighborhood Improvements Advisory Committee

Transportation Advisory Board

City Commission on Veterans Affairs

San Antonio Housing Trust

San Antonio Youth Commission

City of San Antonio Higher Education Student Advisory Board
(College students only)

For more information, please call Matthew Baiza at
matthew.baiza@sanantonio.gov or call 210-207-3479.

[Click here to apply today!](#)

City Resources for You: Housing and Home Repair Programs

The District 6 Team is focused on ensuring that our residents receive the support they need to live happy, healthy lives in our community. Periodically, we will feature different city programs that our residents can utilize to improve their economic opportunities and quality of life. This week we will be featuring several programs that assist residents with their housing needs.

Homebuyer Education Class: A monthly class is provides education to homebuyers who have home ownership as a goal. The class covers the entire home buying process with special emphasis on the down payment assistance programs offered by the City of San Antonio. Presentations help homebuyers understand credit, how to get a mortgage loan from a lender, how to shop for

a home and what to expect though out the process. This class is a first step for many people who want to become homeowners.

Homeowner Incentive Program: The Homeownership Incentive Program (HIP 80) provides assistance to homebuyers in the general public by lending between \$1,000 and \$15,000 as a 0% interest / no payments second loan which can be used for the down-payment required by your lender and some of the additional costs associated with purchasing a home. 100% of the loan will be forgiven over a 5-year period. Only homes located within the city limits of San Antonio are eligible for this program.

Under 1 Roof Program: The Under 1 Roof program fully replaces worn and damaged roofs with new, energy efficient asphalt roofs for qualified homeowners.

Green and Healthy Homes: The City of San Antonio's Green and Healthy Homes (SAGHH) provides assistance to owners and landlords of residential properties (both single-family and multi-family) in creating healthy, safe, energy-efficient and sustainable homes for families and children.

Casa Verde: CPS Energy's SaveNow Casa Verde Weatherization Program helps income-qualifying homeowners and renters, like you, reduce energy loss (and costs) with free energy efficiency improvements.

Fair Housing Program: The City's Fair Housing Division is now accepting emergency rent and mortgage assistance referrals, effective October 1, 2019. Households experiencing an emergency and hardship with supporting documentation, please submit your request for assistance.

SASpeakUp Survey: San Antonio Electric Vehicle Transportation Survey



The City of San Antonio is gathering community feedback on Electric Vehicle Usage in an effort to better understand regional transportation trends.

In this survey, residents are being asked a variety of questions that pertain to specific types of electric vehicles and conventional gasoline vehicles.

The survey will be open on the SASpeakUp website from September 16th through January 31st. To take the survey, click the button below.

**TAKE THE SAN ANTONIO ELECTRIC VEHICLE
SURVEY**

SASpeakUp Survey: Highway 151 and Loop 1604 Area Regional Center Plan



The City of San Antonio's Planning Department is gathering community feedback to improve the draft recommendations that have been developed related to land use, housing strategies, and economic development strategies for the Highway 151 & Loop 1604 Area Regional Center Plan. The Planning Department is also requesting input related to mobility in the Plan area.

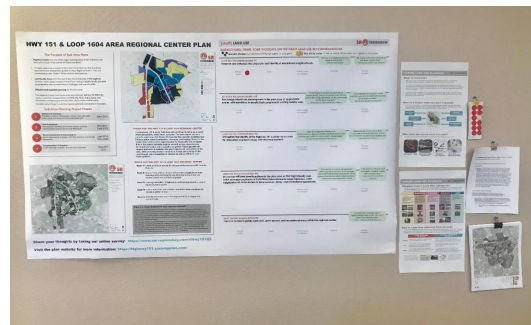
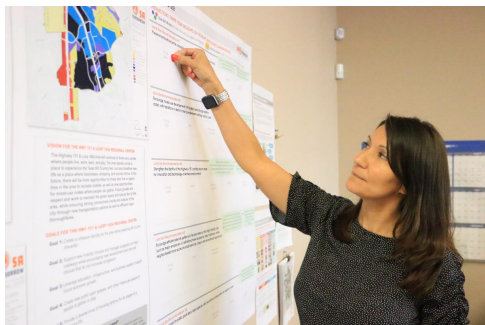
The Plan will guide development and City decisions and investments over the next 10 years. To learn more about the Highway 151 & Loop 1604 Area Regional Center Plan, please visit: <https://highway151.sacompplan.com/>

The content of the Plan will address the following topics:

- Economic Development
- Housing
- Infrastructure and Public Space
- Land Use and Development
- Neighborhood Priorities
- Parks and Trails
- Transformative Projects
- Transportation

The survey will be open on the SASpeakUp website from September 16th through November 1st. To take the survey, click the button below.

UPDATE: The District 6 Office has received a copy of the Highway 151 and Loop 1604 Area Regional Center Plan maps and survey questions. Feel free to stop by the District 6 Office to review the plans and provide your input in person!



TAKE THE AREA REGIONAL PLAN SURVEY

Survey: CPS Energy FlexSTEP and FlexPowerBundle



CPS Energy is asking the community for feedback on FlexSTEP, the next generation of energy management programs for its customers. Through receiving input from an array of community stakeholders, CPS Energy plans to update, design and create programs and services that meet the needs of its customers.

TAKE THE FLEXSTEP SURVEY

TAKE THE FLEXPOWERBUNDLE SURVEY

DISTRICT 6 IN THE NEWS

**Canadian Baked Goods Company Chooses
San Antonio for Westside Expansion**



"The [San Antonio Economic Development Foundation \(SAEDF\)](#) announced Monday that [FGF Brands](#) has chosen to invest over \$129 million in expanding its operations in San Antonio and adding 600 new jobs. The new plant would be built on a 100-acre parcel of land at 6245 State Highway 151."

www.therivardreport.com

Methodist Healthcare Opens Freestanding ER in Westover Hills



"Methodist Healthcare System now is treating patients at an emergency center on the rapidly growing far West Side. The 12,650-square-foot facility, called Methodist ER, was built at 5538 W. Loop 1604, near Texas and Culebra Road.

Dan Miller, CEO of Methodist Hospital and Methodist Children's Hospital, said the new facility is staffed 24-7, with board-certified emergency medicine

physicians, nurses and technicians. It includes pediatric care."

www.expressnews.com

Alamo Colleges' Graduation Rates Doubled in Five Years



"Graduation rates in the community college district have doubled in just five years and administrators want the upward trend to continue. Programs like [Fresh Start](#), now in its first year, and campus advocacy centers have been added to the district's revamped advising model to help clear obstacles to graduation stemming from daily life experience."

www.expressnews.com

AROUND DISTRICT 6

Upcoming Community Meetings



Oak Creek Neighborhood Meeting

Date: October 14th

Time: 7:30pm

Location: Cavalry Hills Baptist Church, 910 W. Loop 1604 N.

Misty Oaks Neighborhood Meeting

Date: October 14th

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Swimming Pool Office, 7711 Misty Park

Pipers Meadow Neighborhood Meeting

Date: October 15th

Time: 7:00pm

Location: District 6 Field Office, 8373 Culebra Rd.

Guilbeau Park Neighborhood Meeting

Date: October 15th

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Guilbeau Park Community Center, 9214 Caen

Lackland Terrace Neighborhood Meeting

Date: October 15th

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Virginia Gill Community Center, 7902 Westshire

Los Jardines Neighborhood Meeting

Date: October 16th

Time: 6:30pm

Location: 1030 Enrique Barrera Pkwy, Suite 1

Misty Oaks Annual Neighborhood Meeting

Date: October 17th

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Jimmy Elrod Elementary School, 8885 Heath Circle

Great Northwest Neighborhood Meeting

Date: October 17th

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Great Northwest Lodge, 8890 Timberwilde

**Free Fun at San Antonio Libraries
October 11th - 13th****TODDLER 2**

Great Northwest Branch Library (9050 Wellwood, 78250)

Friday, October 11

10:15am

Guerra Chess Club

Guerra Branch Library (7978 Military Dr. W., 78227)

Friday, October 11

3 – 5pm

Kids, Teens, Adults, Family, Seniors, All Ages

Chess is a great game for all ages. Join our group each Friday to learn about the game and to meet other chess players.

Saturday Book Club

Great Northwest Branch Library (9050 Wellwood, 78250)

Saturday, October 12

10 – 11am

Join us for a lively book discussion every second Saturday of the month. This month we will be discussing "The Dependents" by Katherine Dion.

Saturday Afternoon Movie Time: Coco

Guerra Branch Library (7978 Military Dr. W., 78227)

Saturday, October 12

1 – 5pm

I Heart Vinyl

Potranco Branch Library (8765 State Hwy. 151, #102, 78245)

Sunday, October 13

All Day

Location: Potranco Library

This day-long event showcases Potranco Branch Library's stellar collection of classic and contemporary vinyl.

Sunday Funday (Teens Only)

Potranco Branch Library (8765 State Hwy. 151, #102, 78245)

Sunday, October 13

1 – 2:30pm

Enjoy a good time on a Sunday Afternoon. Our Fun Day will be full of video games, virtual reality, trivia, board games, snacks and more!!!!

San Antonio Heartwarmers: Blankets for Critters

Great Northwest Branch Library (9050 Wellwood, 78250)

Sunday, October 13

2 – 4pm

AROUND THE CITY

**September 30 - November 8: Swim Lessons
at San Antonio Natatorium**

Group swimming lessons are offered at the Natatorium for youth ages 4 and up as well as adults. Lessons are designed for beginning and intermediate skill levels. Group swimming lessons include six lessons offered over a two week period. Session dates and times are available vary and are available on our registration site.



**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
PARKS & RECREATION**

SWIM LESSONS

SAN ANTONIO NATATORIUM

AVAILABLE FOR AGES 4 & UP

GROUP LESSONS	PRIVATE LESSONS
\$30 TWO-WEEK SESSION 45 MINUTE CLASS / 3 DAYS PER WEEK	\$50 TWO-WEEK SESSION 30 MINUTE CLASS / 2 DAYS PER WEEK
SESSION 1 - SEPT 30 - OCT 11	SESSION 1 - OCT 1 - OCT 9
SESSION 2 - OCT 14 - OCT 25	SESSION 2 - OCT 15 - OCT 23
SESSION 3 - OCT 28 - NOV 8	SESSION 3 - OCT 29 - NOV 6
MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS	TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS
<small>*5 STUDENTS PER INSTRUCTOR</small>	<small>*1 STUDENT PER INSTRUCTOR</small>

1430 W CESAR CHAVEZ DR. / FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 210.207.3299 OR VISIT:

WWW.SAPARKSANDREC.COM

@SAPARKSANDREC

October 7 - October 29: VIA Reimagined Plan Information Sessions

VIA Metropolitan Transit will be hosting several Public Meetings in the month of October 2019. VIA is Reimagining Transit and you're part of the plan. We're delivering a **Better, Faster, Smarter** transit system so that you can spend more time doing what you love. The VIA Reimagined plan consist of three key elements:

1. Better Bus System - More frequent and reliable transit across the service area.
2. Advanced Rapid Transit - A network of high-capacity vehicles running in dedicated lanes to bypass traffic.
3. Smart Transit - Using technology to improve the customer experience.

Please join us at an **information session** to learn more about the **VIA Reimagined plan** and how it can work for you. All Open Houses will be from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM on the dates and locations below:



VIA IS REIMAGINING TRANSIT.

AND YOU'RE PART OF THE PLAN.

We're delivering a **BETTER, FASTER, SMARTER** transit system so that you can spend more time doing what you love. **IMAGINE THAT.**

THE VIA REIMAGINED PLAN

3 KEY ELEMENTS

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<p>Monday, October 7, 2019 Lion's Field Adult & Senior Center 2809 Broadway SA, TX 78209</p>	<p>Thursday, October 17, 2019 Medical Center Transit Center 5330 Medical Drive SA, TX 78229</p>
<p>Wednesday, October 9, 2019 Eastside Education & Training Center 4551 Dietrich Rd. SA, TX 78219</p>	<p>Monday, October 21, 2019 Port San Antonio 907 Billy Mitchell Blvd. Ste. 110 SA, TX 78226</p>
<p>Thursday, October 10, 2019 Ingram Transit Center 3215 Northwestern SA, TX 78238</p>	<p>Wednesday, October 23, 2019 Crossroads Park & Ride 151 Crossroads Blvd. SA, TX 78201</p>
<p>Tuesday, October 15, 2019 Harlandale Civic Center 115 W. Southcross Blvd. SA, TX 78221</p>	<p>Monday, October 28, 2019 The Ministry Center 4306 Naco Pass SA, TX 78217</p>
<p>Wednesday, October 16, 2019 Mexican American Unity Council 2300 W. Commerce St., # 200 SA, TX 78207</p>	<p>Tuesday, October 29, 2019 Stone Oak Park & Ride 22139 U.S. Highway 281 North SA, TX 78258</p>

We're on this journey together. We need your feedback to succeed and make the **VIA Reimagined Plan** a reality. Visit VIAinfo.net/Reimagined today to learn more, submit feedback, sign up for alerts, or request a presentation. Email us at reimagined@viainfo.net.

VIA reimagined

October 26: 2nd Annual

abilitySTRONG Parade



Saturday, October 26th, 2019

9:00 am - 10:00 am

Downtown, San Antonio

2019 Theme

Awareness...we're stronger together

2019 Motto: I Have A Voice

“I Have A Voice” is the 2019 pillar we will use to communicate this message to San Antonio.

2019 Grand Marshal:

Samuel Allen, Samuel Allen Law

Led by members of the City Council of San Antonio

The abilitySTRONG Parade is San Antonio's inaugural Disability Pride Celebration is a public expression of the belief that disability is a natural and beautiful part of human diversity in which people living with disabilities can take pride. Click [here](#) for more information.

October 31: Deadline to Apply to the Neighborhood Leadership Academy

The Neighborhood Leadership Academy (NLA) is a six month interactive course designed to equip residents with the knowledge, network, and skills to be effective neighborhood leaders. Participants will learn how to navigate through city services to become effective advocates for their communities.

Classes will be held the third Tuesday of the month, January through June 2020, at venues located throughout San Antonio.

Applications for the 2020 Neighborhood Leadership Academy accepted through October 31, 2019. Selected candidates will be notified by November 2019.

READY TO APPLY? CLICK BELOW!

APPLY HERE



**NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
2020**

**EMPOWER YOUR
COMMUNITY**

**EXPAND YOUR
NETWORK**

**STRENGTHEN YOUR
LEADERSHIP**

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**APPLY TODAY FOR
NLA 2020**
SANANTONIO.GOV/NLA

**Applications for the 2020
Neighborhood Leadership Academy
accepted through **October 31st****

Interested in learning more about the NLA?
Sign up for an information session at
NLA2020.eventbrite.com
Sessions held 10/2, 10/3, 10/5, 10/7, and 10/8

November 7: Hiring Red, White & You! Job Fair

The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) will be hosting the eighth annual Hiring Red, White, and You! job fair in San Antonio on November 7, 2019 at the Freeman Coliseum Expo Hall C from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

This event will connect Texas veterans and their spouses with San Antonio with over 150 employers and 50 veteran information village organizations.

Hiring & You!

Red, White

Job Seeker Registration: hrwy.eventbrite.com
Employers Contact: business_services@wsalamo.org

NOVEMBER 7, 2019 11am-3pm

**THE LARGEST HIRING EVENT
IN SAN ANTONIO**

For Transitioning Service Members, Veterans & Spouses
Open to The Public

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EXPO HALL C
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OVER 150 EMPLOYERS
& 50 VETERAN INFORMATION VILLAGE ORGANIZATIONS

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TEXAS VETERANS COMMISSION

Join the Texas Workforce Commission and Workforce Solutions Alamo in partnership with Texas Medical Center for the 8th annual Hiring Red, White & You! Statewide Hiring Fair to connect transitioning service members, veterans, their spouses and the public to Texas employers. No cost to transitioning service members, veterans, their spouses, public or employers.

Equal Opportunity Employer/Program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.
Relay Texas: 800-735-2969 (TTY) and 711 (Voice). texasworkforce.org

November 12: Deadline to Apply for FY2020 Pre-Qualified List for Department of Arts and Culture


The Department of Arts and Culture is inviting artists and art support service providers to apply to be on the FY2020 Pre-Qualified List to be considered for potential opportunities with the department in the future.

While being included on the list does not guarantee work, it provides local artists the opportunity to be selected for future art projects through the City

of San Antonio's Department of Arts and Culture.

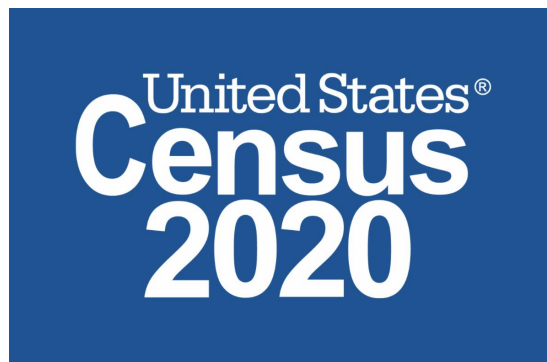
A Pre-Submittal Workshop will include an overview of the FY2020 Call for Public Art Qualifications and will be held on Tuesday, October 29, 2019 at Centro de Artes (101 S. Santa Rosa Ave, San Antonio, TX 78207) at 6:00pm.

Applications will be accepted until November 12, 2019 at 4:30pm (CST) and can be accessed [here](#).

A poster with a teal background featuring faint sketches of faces. The main title 'PUBLIC ART needs YOU' is in large, bold, blue letters. Below it, two red banners with white text read 'PUBLIC ARTISTS' and 'SUPPORT SERVICES', separated by a pink plus sign. The text 'The City of San Antonio seeks professional qualifications from local and national artists and public art support services for our FY2020 Pre-Qualified List' is centered. Below this, a list of roles is presented: 'Artists • Fabricators • Installers • Shippers • Graphic Designers • Writers • Project Managers • Arts Conservators • Art Appraisers • Engineers • Photographers • Videographers • Curators'. Another red banner with a pink plus sign is below the list. The text 'Deadline is November 12, 2019 | Apply today!' is centered. At the bottom left is the City of San Antonio Department of Arts & Culture logo, and at the bottom right is the website 'SANANTONIO.GOV/ARTS'.

CITY NEWS FOR YOU

U.S. Census Bureau Announces the Start of First Major Field Operation for 2020 Census



The U.S. Census Bureau briefed the media on the launch of address canvassing, the first major field operation of the 2020 Census. Address canvassing improves and refines the Census Bureau's address list of households nationwide, which is necessary to deliver invitations to respond to the census. The address list plays a vital role in ensuring a complete and accurate count of everyone living in the United States.

"The Census Bureau is dedicated to ensuring that we are on track, and ready to accomplish the mission of the 2020 Census," said Census Bureau Director Steven Dillingham. "We have made many improvements and innovations over the past decade, including better technologies for canvassing neighborhoods and developing complete and updated address listings and maps."

The Census Bureau created new software called the Block Assessment, Research and Classification Application (BARCA). It compares satellite images of the United States over time, allowing Census Bureau employees to spot new housing developments, changes in existing homes and other housing units that did not previously exist. Reviewers also use BARCA to compare the number of housing units in current imagery with the number of addresses on file for each block.

"We were able to verify 65% of addresses using satellite imagery — a massive accomplishment for us," said Census Bureau Geography Division Chief Deirdre Bishop during the briefing. "In 2010 we had to hire 150,000 people to verify 100% of the addresses in the field, this decade we will only have to hire about 40,000 employees around the nation to verify the remaining 35% of addresses."

Census Bureau employees (listers) have started walking through neighborhoods across the country checking addresses not verified using BARCA software. In-field address canvassing will continue through mid-October.

To help identify address listers, employees will have badges and briefcases indicating their affiliation with the Census Bureau. They will knock on doors and ask a few simple questions to verify the address and any additional living quarters on the property for inclusion in the census.

Employees will introduce themselves as a Census Bureau employee, show their official government ID badge, and explain the purpose of the visit. The 2020 Census: In-Field Address Canvassing (IFAC) Viewer provides county information on areas that listers will visit.

This operation is one of several activities the Census Bureau conducts for an accurate and complete count. The Census Bureau also partners with the U.S. Postal Service and tribal, state and local officials to update the address list.

“Ultimately, the success of the census depends on everyone’s participation,” said Marilyn Sanders, Chicago regional director. “And it’s important to remember, when you respond to the census you shape your future and the future of your community.”

The 2020 Census officially starts counting people in January 2020 in remote Toksook Bay, Alaska. Following the count of people in remote Alaska, most households in the country will start receiving invitations to respond online, by phone or by mail in March 2020.

The U.S. Constitution mandates that a census of the population be conducted once every 10 years. Census data is used to determine the number of seats each state holds in Congress and how more than \$675 billion in federal funds are distributed back to states and local communities every year for services and infrastructure, including health care, jobs, schools, roads and businesses. For more information on address canvassing, visit the Census Bureau website.

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